

EDITORIAL

Task force groups of Transplant International: working together to globally connect the transplant community of tomorrow

In the last decades, we have advanced from a situation where transplantation was the unique solution of end-stage organ failure into a thrilling era in which regenerative therapies and organ reconditioning are opening new avenues in our area of health care.

In this exciting time, Transplant International wants to take a step further and promote key basic science and clinical developments that can individually and synergistically boost advances in organ replacement medicine. To accomplish this ambitious mission, we have created three Task Force groups that cover the fields of Basic Science and Immunology, Technology, and Regenerative Medicine. Our vision is to work at the interface of medicine, (bio)engineering, and biotechnology to collectively establish active forums to discuss how new developments in these areas are impacting and sculpting the present and the future of organ transplantation.

How are we doing this? The Transplant International Editorial Board is home to leaders and members of targeted task force groups. With this unique configuration in place, we are positioned to reflect and discuss the

scientific and ethical hurdles of restoring organ function through new and emerging approaches from basic science to clinical implementation. The real value of the cross talk between the three Task Forces is to enhance the interconnection between communities that are often too far apart. TI wants to serve as an accelerator for collaborations embracing the innovations in the field.

Since Task Force groups are composed of Transplant International Editorial Board members, we will expand our network and actions to all European Society of Organ Transplantation (ESOT) members and promote to engage them in our scientific endeavor by providing opinion papers, reviews, and interviews on a monthly basis. This collective effort will strongly enhance Transplant International visibility and help to fulfill its mission. Through engaging several Transplant International social media platforms and communication channels, the scientific debate will be accompanied by views on on-line debates and made accessible through Transplant Live, the ESOT e-learning platform. Collectively, we expect to inspire, connect, and educate the transplant

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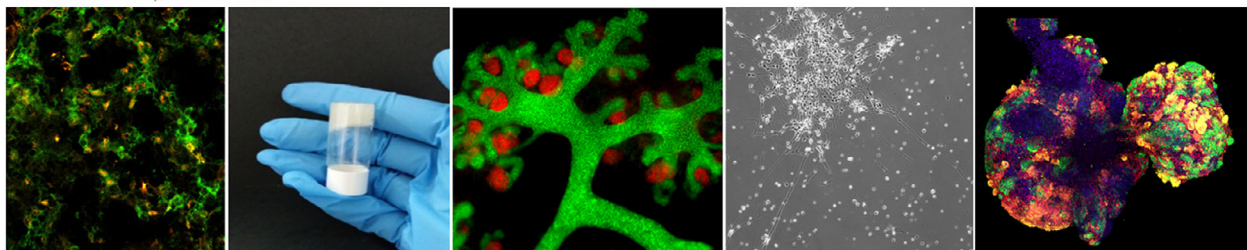
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community globally and push the boundaries of innovation in Transplantation.

We are convinced that this initiative will create an unprecedented opportunity to direct the focus of our ambitions in a novel and flourishing direction and help to identify future leaders in the field. Creative thinking is enhanced when forces are combined with a greater diversity. The Task Forces of Transplant International will jointly create critical evaluations and alternative viewpoints in this new era of organ replacement. Join us in our ambition to redefine Transplant International.


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